


REUNIONS.

CONCLUSIONS

While on the march with Kilpatrick's (Third



NEGOTIATION.

wheat, which they were grinding. The stream was bordered with a heavy growth of timber which shut out the view of the country beyond to which we were going. After crossing the stream and going about a quarter of a mile we again came to an open country, where the road made an angle to the north.

We traveled about five miles farther, where we came to a plantation. We found about half a barrel of flour, a bushel of cornmeal, a butt of applesome, some bacon, and a few chickens. We proceeded to an old log hut near by, which was inhabited by a lady and three small children. They were in hard luck; they seemed to have scarcely anything to eat. I found four gallons of candied honey, which I converted to much; but we did not have the courage to deprive her and her children of any of the necessities of life. I told her I would give her \$5 in greenbacks for the money. She told me that she did not want my money, as she could not

use it. I told her I wanted the horse, and she accordingly went down in my pocket and gave me her money. I took the money, and she said, "Confederate money, and would have paid more if she had asked it. I took the money and returned to my comrades.

"The next question was how to transport all our forage to camp. We soon found a way to do this. We found a yoke of oxen and a cart, and a negro driver. We accordingly loaded our provisions on the cart, mounted the negro on the cart, and started for our camp, it being about 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

"We proceeded along finely. The road for several miles was bordered by heavy timber on each side, while plantation after plantation opened on our right. The negro driver was talking upon his perch driving the oxen so gently and nice. A longing desire to drive oxen took possession of me, which desire I felt unable to resist. I told him to stop, and I got down from the ox, telling him at the same time that I was an old ox driver. I rode up by the side of the ox and commenced to lard the animal with my fist to increase their speed, which I imagined would do it.

I, being mounted, kept by their side for some time trying my best to stop them. I yelled "Whoa, Buck! whoa Berry!" but they would not "whoa," but left the road, going into the timber, bellowing at every jump, the negro clinging on for dear life. One wheel of the car



THE CATASTROPHE.

suddenly struck a stump about two feet high, throwing the oxen, turning the cart and contents upside down. The dinky lit about five feet from the cart. We gathered up our things the best we could. We had an old dress-skin tied over the barrel in which we had our flour, consequently we did not lose much of that, and as luck would have it our jars of honey were

When within a mile of the mill before me came the first of the "blacks" in the road. I immediately fired. I intimated that there would be no more shooting on our floor on hand at the mill, and that it would be an easy thing to stampede the boys from there. If we would work it right. We accordingly were divided in two parties. The first shots were fired by our comrades up the road, being returned by us with vigor, the other party following their shots over through the tree-tops toward the mill. Every now and then we would fire in the same direction. Then the second party, the regulars, opened fire. The boys were well rapidly back, and turning the corner of the angle we saw a grand sight. The mill was still running, and so were the Yanks at the

negroes. They were rapidly disappearing of the hill toward camp, leaving us in possession of a large amount of flour and meat. We loaded up all we could haul and went on our way well handed in provisions. I have always thought those mill boys imagined they were attacked by five or six hundred Johnnies, and had a terrible story to tell their comrades of their return to camp.

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Information Wanted

EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: While looking over some papers on file in the County Court-house in this place, I found the following which were taken from the body of a person found dead in a hotel in this city on the morning of Feb. 21, 1876. His name was John H. Norton; enlisted in New York city April 1860, in the Engineer Corps. There are three discharges, all from the Engineer Corps, the first he ranked as Corporal, and in the others as Orderly Sergeant. At the time of first

distinction he was 34 years old, and was by occupation a machinist. Among the papers in the warrant of appointment as Corporal, Co. Engineer Corps, U. S. A.; also, a warrant of appointment as Ordnance Sergeant, same corps. There is a letter from the Pension Office dated Oct. 2, 1875; number of his pension claim.

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G. At the archery tournament at Saratoga this summer, one of the ladies excelled all others in steadiness and precision. After the contest she told a friend that for years she had been so afflicted with nervousness and weakness that she was unfit for any exercise whatever; but, after taking a few bottles of Graefenstein's, she had become well and strong, and was able to take all the exercise she needed without experiencing any sense of fatigue.

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